Amendment to check defection

2814. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amendments have been suggested to Government in the Anti-Defection Act;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to bring some amendments in the Act; and

(c) if so, what are the changes proposed in the Act and by when an amending bill may be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) A suggestion for amendment of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution has been received from a member of the public.

(b) and (c) No proposal for amendment of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution is under the consideration of the Government.

Revised Budget Estimate for the Light Combat Aircraft

2815. SHRI DHARAM CHANDAR PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) what is the revised estimate of budget for the Lght Combat Aircraft; and

(b) what is the time schedule for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The present estimated cost for the development of the LCA is Rs. 560 Crores at 1982-83 price level. The probable date for the first production aircraft is 1994. No revisions have been carried out to the cost and time frame till date.

Global plot to assassinate the P.M.

2816. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Global plot to assassinate the Prime Minister by Sikh extremists has recently been unearthed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under subsection (3) of section 31 of the Coinage Act, 1906, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), Notification S.O. No. 916(E), dated the 12th October, 1987, publishing the Coinage (Standard Weight and Remedy of the Commemorative Coins) of One Hundred Rupees (containing Silver 50 per cent, Copper 40 per cent, Nickel 5 per cent and Zinc 5 per cent), Twenty Rupees and One Rupee (containing Copper 75 per cent and Nickel 25 per cent), coined on the tneme "Small Farmers" (on the occasion of celebration of the Seventh World Food Day on the 16th October, 1987) Rules, 1987. [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-5175/87.]